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DECLARATION OF Hongwei Zhang UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Sir:

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I, Hongwei Zhang, Ph.D., hereby declare that:

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1. I received a Ph.D. degree from the Institute of Medical Science at the University of Toronto in 2002, and a Master of Science degree from the Department of Immunology at the University of Toronto in 1995. In addition I received my Medical Degree from the University of Medical Sciences in Changchun China in 1989 and practiced as a staff physician for 4 years in Beijing prior to commencing my post graduate studies. I currently hold the positions of Senior Scientist and Scientific Program Leader of Functional Genomics as well as Manager of Research and Development at ChondroGene Inc.

I am one of the inventors of the above-noted U.S. patent application.

I am particularly experienced in the field of osteoarthritis having worked as a Research Associate at the Arthritis Center of Excellence of